Renewable Energy Deals Targeted for More Scrutiny in New Trade Report

Insight

Even investments in renewable energy businesses may be affected by this broadening of interest in the industry, and should be considered by parties as part of deal due diligence and negotiations of investment and acquisition agreements, according to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

Mueller’s Assurances That Trump is Not a ‘Target’ Don’t Mean Much

News

Mueller may not be able to secure an indictment against a sitting president, but his report could serve as a trigger to impeachment proceedings, Politico reports.

Amazon Fires Its Lobbying Law

Firms in Washington

News

The change comes after passage of the tax overhaul bill last year and in the face of new challenges in the age of President Donald Trump, reports Bloomberg Politics.

Barclays Wins Its DOJ Gamble With $2 Billion Mortgage Settlement

News

Two former executives at the bank also settled Thursday and agreed to pay $2 million to resolve claims without admitting wrongdoing.

The Buy American Act and Trade Agreements Act: Understanding Federal Domestic Preference

Requirements

On-Demand

PilieroMazza has posted an on-demand webinar discussing compliance with new laws requiring or providing a preference for the purchase of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States.

State Department Updating Contracting Language to Head Off Confusion

News

The change is intended to head off problems such as the one seen earlier this year when a contractor would not comply with requests for an IT audit of security controls.

Trump Labor Board Member Forgot About Conflict of Interest, Watchdog Says

News

National Labor Relations Board Member William Emanuel violated a White House ethics pledge by participating in a closely watched case involving his former law firm, the NLRB's

inspector general concluded in a report obtained by Bloomberg Law.

Former Jones Day Attorney Tapped For Position at the EEOC

News

The top litigator position at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has been vacant since December of 2016.

Plaintiff Lawyers See Nationwide Settlement As Only End For Opioid Lawsuits

News

The sheer complexity of the litigation raises questions about how the parties will craft an agreement that ends the threat of further lawsuits against the industry while distributing cash to all the varied entities who have sued, reports *Forbes*.

Accepting a Pardon From Trump Could Add Booster Rockets to State Prosecutions

News

In a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1915, justices stated that individuals have a right to refuse a pardon because “acceptance” of one carries with it a “confession of guilt.”

For the Third Time, Supreme Court to Hear Mandatory Union Dues Arguments

News

The case, appealed by an employee of the state of Illinois, comes after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit rejected his argument that the agency fee violated his rights under the First Amendment.

Mueller Gets Plea, No

Cooperation, as Skadden Lawyer Admits Lies

News

Alex van der Zwaan faces as long as six months in jail under advisory guidelines, according to Bloomberg Law.

Justice Department's No 3 Official to Take Walmart's Top Legal Job

News

Brand attracted interest because of her potential to assume a key role in the Trump-Russia investigation," according to the AP.

Commentary: Wells Fargo's Board Members Are Getting Off Too Easy

Commentary

Lawrence Summers asks: Why aren't the Wells Fargo directors who are leaving being named and asked to resign effective immediately with an element of humiliation?

SEC Halts Dallas-Based Bank’s Cryptocurrency Sale – But Not Before It Says It Raised $600 Million

News

The Securities and Exchange Commission has halted the sale of AriseCoin, saying it was all part of a more straightforward, old-fashioned investment scam, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

SEC Weighs a Big Gift to Companies: Blocking Investor Lawsuits

News

Bloomberg is reporting that the SEC has privately signaled that it’s open to at least considering whether companies should be able to force investors to settle disputes through arbitration.

New Labor Board GC's Restructuring Plan Worries Senior Officials

News

Senior officials with the National Labor Relations Board have expressed concern over a plan outlined by the board's new general counsel to demote the senior civil servants who resolve most labor cases, reports >i>The New York Times.

Trump Appointing Judges at Rapid Pace

News

A data analysis by the *Los Angeles Times* has found that President Trump is ranked sixth of 19 presidents for appointing the highest number of federal judges in their first year.

Suit By 22 State Attorneys General Seeks to Block FCC's

Net Neutrality Repeal

News

The AGs’ complaint argues that the vote last month by the Republican-controlled FCC was an “arbitrary and capricious” change to regulations, according to *The Los Angeles Times*<

Corporations May Dodge Billions in U.S. Taxes Through New Loophole: Experts

News

The loophole involves the tax rates — 15.5 percent or 8 percent — that companies must pay on $2.6 trillion in profits they are holding abroad, according to Reuters.